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Sir:

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

We noted that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance paraphrases the independent claims. In doing so, the Examiner has omitted certain characteristics of the invention and/or mischaracterized certain characteristics of the invention. For example, claim 1 is not limited to a particular surface roughness of the tapered part. Therefore, to the extent the Examiner's Stated Reasons for Allowance characterizes the invention in any manner at variance with the actual wording of the claims, applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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